

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT

This form to be used for reporting civil and public use aircraft accidents and incidents

BASIC INFORMATION

Accident/Incident Location

Nearest City/Place: SPARKS State: NV
 ZIP: 89431 Country: United States of America
 Latitude: 39:58:10 N (dd:mm:ss N/S) Longitude: 119:49:18 W (ddd:mm:ss E/W)

Date/Time

Date: 06/11/2010 Local Time: 4:00pm
 mm/dd/yyyy
 Time Zone: PDT

Phase of Operation

☐ Standing ☐ Takeoff (incl. initial climb) ☐ Cruise ☐ Hover
☐ Taxi ☐ Climb ☐ Maneuvering ☐ Other
☐ Descent ☒ Landing ☐ Approach ☐ Unknown

Collision with Other Aircraft

☐ Midair
☐ On-ground
☒ None

Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence

ft MSL

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: BURKHART GROB

Model: G103C TWIN III ACRO

Serial Number: 34176

Registration Number: N41KP

Amateur-built: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Max Gross Weight: 1,323 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 1,168 lbs

Location of Center of Gravity at Time of Accident/Incident:

15.56 inches from ☐ nose or ☒ datum
 -or- Percent Mean Aerodynamic Cord (% MAC)

Category of Aircraft

☐ Airplane
☐ Balloon
☐ Blimp/Dirigible
☒ Glider
☐ Gyrocraft
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered lift
☐ Ultralight
☐ Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate (Check all that apply)

Standard

☒ Normal
☐ Utility
☒ Acrobatic
☐ Transport

Special

☐ Restricted
☐ Limited
☐ Provisional
☐ Experimental
☐ Special Flight
☐ Light Sport

Number of Seats: 2

If Large Aircraft, how many seats for:

Flight Crew: _____

Cabin Crew: _____

Passengers: _____

Landing Gear ☐ Retractable

Check any additional landing gear configuration that applies:

☐ Tricycle ☒ Tailwheel
☐ Amphibian ☐ High Skid
☐ Emergency Float ☐ Skid
☐ Float ☐ Ski
☐ Hull ☐ Ski/Wheel
☐ Unknown

Type of Maintenance Program

☒ Annual
☐ Conditional (Amateur-built only)
☐ Manufacturer's Inspection Program
☐ Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP)
☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ Other, specify: _____

Last Inspection Type

☐ 100 Hour ☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ AAIP ☐ Conditional Inspection
☒ Annual ☐ Unknown

Date Last Inspection: 03/06/2010

mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 1,069 hrs

hours measured at (check one)

☐ Last Inspection ☒ Time of Accident/Incident

IFR Equipped

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Stall Warning System Installed

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Type of Fire Extinguishing System

☒ None
☐ Specify _____

ELT Installed

☐ Yes ☒ No

ELT Activated

☐ Yes ☐ No

ELT Manufacturer: _____

Model/Series: _____

Serial Number: _____

Battery Type: _____

Battery Exp. Date: _____

Engine Type

☐ Reciprocating ☐ Turbo Jet
☐ Turbo Shaft ☐ Turbo Fan
☐ Turbo Prop ☐ Unknown

Reciprocating Fuel System Type

☐ Carburetor
☐ Fuel Injected

Propeller

☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. mm/dd/yyyy	Engine Rated Power Measured as (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Horsepower or <input type="checkbox"/> lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since Inspection (hours)	Time Since Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1								
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION			
Registered Aircraft Owner Name: <u>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SOARING ASSOCIATION</u> Fractional Ownership Aircraft: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		Owner Address City: <u>BYRON</u> State: <u>CA</u> ZIP: <u>94514</u> Country: <u>United States of America</u>	
Operator of Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same As Registered Owner Name: _____ Doing Business As: _____ Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____		Operator Address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same As Registered Owner City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____	
Regulation Flight Conducted Under <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAR 91 <input type="checkbox"/> FAR 129 <input type="checkbox"/> FAR 91 Special Flight <input type="checkbox"/> Public Use (select type) <input type="checkbox"/> FAR 103 <input type="checkbox"/> FAR 133 <input type="checkbox"/> Non-US, Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> FAR 121 <input type="checkbox"/> FAR 135 <input type="checkbox"/> Non-US, Non-commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> FAR 125 <input type="checkbox"/> FAR 137 <input type="checkbox"/> Armed Forces		Revenue Sightseeing Flight <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Air Medical Flight <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137 (Select one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Executive/Corporate <input type="checkbox"/> Other Work Use <input type="checkbox"/> Instructional <input type="checkbox"/> Ferry <input type="checkbox"/> Positioning <input type="checkbox"/> Aerial Application <input type="checkbox"/> Aerial Observation <input type="checkbox"/> Air Drop <input type="checkbox"/> Air Race / Show <input type="checkbox"/> Flight Test <input type="checkbox"/> Public Use <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135 (Select one) <input type="checkbox"/> Scheduled or Commuter <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi Domestic or International <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic <input type="checkbox"/> International Cargo Operation <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger/Cargo <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger _____ How many? <input type="checkbox"/> Cargo _____ lbs <input type="checkbox"/> Mail	Type of Commercial Operating Certificate Held (Select all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (121) <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental <input type="checkbox"/> Air Cargo <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Air Carriers (129) <input type="checkbox"/> Commuter Air Carrier (135) <input type="checkbox"/> On-Demand Air Taxi (135) <input type="checkbox"/> Large Helicopter (127) <input type="checkbox"/> Rotorcraft External Load (133) - or - <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Aircraft (137) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Operator of Large Aircraft	
OTHER AIRCRAFT – COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for other aircraft)			
Aircraft Registration Number: _____	Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____	Damage to Other Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Destroyed <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial <input type="checkbox"/> None	
Registered Owner of Other Aircraft First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____			
Pilot of Other Aircraft First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____			
MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on separate sheet)			
Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown (If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.) <div style="height: 100px; border: 1px solid black;"></div>			Total Time/Cycles On Part _____ Hours _____ Cycles Time Since This Part Inspected/Overhauled _____ Hours
DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY			
Aircraft Damage <input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantial <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Destroyed	Aircraft Fire <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Both Ground and In-Flight <input type="checkbox"/> In-Flight <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Origin <input type="checkbox"/> On-Ground	Aircraft Explosion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Both Ground and In-Flight <input type="checkbox"/> In-Flight <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Origin <input type="checkbox"/> On-Ground	

Description of Damage to Aircraft and Other Property *(use additional sheet if necessary)*

The fiber glass of the tail assembly broke off the rest of the fuselage about two feet in front of the elevator/rudder complex.
The upper right elevator tip and right horizontal stabilizer tip were broken from the rest of the fiber glass at about 2 inches from the edge.

AIRPORT INFORMATION *(If the accident/incident occurred on approach, takeoff or within 3 miles of an airport, complete this section)*

Airport Identifier: _____

Distance From Airport Center: _____ SM

Airport Name: _____

Direction From Airport: _____ degrees MAG

Proximity to Airport ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport ☐ On Airstrip

Airport Elevation: _____ ft. MSL

Approach Segment *(Select one)*

☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Landing ☐ Base leg ☐ Final ☐ Go Around
☐ Crosswind ☐ Downwind ☐ Low Approach ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown)

IFR Approach *(Check all that apply)*

☐ None ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice
☐ ADF/NDB ☐ Sidestep ☐ LDA ☐ GPS
☐ SDF ☐ ILS ☐ ASR ☐ Loran
☐ VOR/TVOR ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Visual ☐ Unknown
☐ VOR/DME ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Contact
☐ TACAN ☐ RNAV ☐ Circling

VFR Approach *(Check all that apply)*

☐ None ☐ Stop and Go
☐ Traffic Pattern ☐ Touch and Go
☐ Straight-In ☐ Simulated Forced Landing
☐ Valley/Terrain Following ☐ Forced Landing
☐ Go Around ☐ Precautionary Landing
☐ Full Stop ☐ Unknown

Runway Information

Runway ID: _____ (L/R/C) Length: _____ ft Width: _____ ft

Runway/Landing Surface *(Check all that apply)*

☐ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Macadam ☐ Water
☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Metal/Wood ☐ Unknown
☐ Dirt ☐ Ice ☐ Snow

Condition of Runway/Landing Surface *(Check all that apply)*

☐ Dry ☐ Snow-Compacted ☐ Water-Calm
☐ Holes ☐ Snow-Crusted ☐ Water-Choppy
☐ Ice Covered ☐ Snow-Dry ☐ Water-Glassy
☐ Rough ☐ Snow-Wet ☐ Wet
☐ Rubber Deposits ☐ Soft ☐ Unknown
☐ Slush Covered ☐ Vegetation

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION**Last Departure Point**Airport ID: Flanagan dry lakeCity: RenoState: NVCountry: United States of America**Time of Departure**Time: 3:45pmTime Zone: PDT**Destination**Airport ID: NV23City: RenoState: NVCountry: United States of America**Type Flight Plan Filed**

☒ None ☐ VFR/IFR
☐ Company VFR ☐ IFR
☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown
☐ VFR

Activated? ☐ Yes ☐ No**Type of ATC Clearance/Service** *(Check all that apply)*

☒ None ☐ Special VFR ☐ Special IFR ☐ VFR Flight Following ☐ Cruise
☐ VFR ☐ IFR ☐ VFR On Top ☐ Traffic Advisory ☐ Unknown / NA

Airspace where the accident/incident occurred *(Check all that apply)*

☐ Class A ☐ Class E ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ Jet Training Area ☐ Special
☐ Class B ☒ Class G ☐ Restricted Area ☐ TRSA ☐ Air Traffic Control Area
☐ Class C ☐ Demo Area ☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ FAR 93 ☐ Unknown
☐ Class D ☐ Warning Area ☐ Airport Advisory Area

Aircraft Load Description *(Check all that apply)*

☒ None ☐ Parachutists ☐ Livestock
☐ Passengers ☐ Towing Glider ☐ Water ☐ Unknown
☐ Cargo ☐ Towing Banner ☐ Chemical/Fertilizer/Seeds
☐ Other External

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION**Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff***(convert from pounds, as necessary)*

_____ Gallons

Fuel Type

☐ 80/87 ☐ 115/145 ☐ JP3 ☐ Other, specify _____
☐ 100 Low Lead ☐ Jet A ☐ JP4
☐ 100/130 ☐ Automotive ☐ JP5

Other Services, if Any, Prior to Departure _____

EVACUATION OF AIRCRAFTWas an emergency evacuation of the aircraft performed? ☐ Yes ☒ NoMethod of Exit – Describe how the occupants exited and how many occupants evacuated each location
I exited the aircraft using normal procedure.**WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE****Weather Observation Facility**Facility ID: KRNO
Observation Time: 11:00am
Time Zone: PDT
Distance from Accident Site: 28 NM
Direction from Accident Site: 170 degrees MAG**Source of Weather Information**

(Check all that apply)

☒ National Weather Service
☐ Flight Service Station
☐ TV/Radio
☐ Automated Report
☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS)
☐ Company
☐ Military
☒ Internet
☐ Unknown**Method of Briefing**

(Check all that apply)

☐ In Person
☐ Teletype
☒ Telephone/Computer
☐ Aircraft Radio
☐ TV/Radio
☐ Unknown**Briefing Type/Completeness**☒ Full
☐ Partial / Limited By Pilot
☐ Partial / Limited By Briefer
☐ Abbreviated
☐ Unknown
☐ Not Pertinent**Light Condition**☐ Dawn
☒ Day
☐ Dusk
☐ Night
☐ Dark Night
☐ Bright Night
☐ Not Reported**Visibility**30 miles**Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition**☐ Clear
☐ Few
☐ Partial Obscuration
☒ Scattered
☐ Thin Broken
☐ Thin Overcast
☐ Unknown**Ceiling**☒ None (clear)
☐ Broken
☐ Overcast
☐ Obscured
☐ Indefinite
☐ Unknown**Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply)**☒ None
☐ Blowing Dust
☐ Blowing Sand
☐ Blowing Snow
☐ Blowing Spray
☐ Dust
☐ Fog
☐ Ground Fog
☐ Haze
☐ Ice Fog
☐ Smoke
☐ Unknown**Lowest Cloud Condition Height**7,000 ft AGL**Ceiling Height** ft AGL**Wind Direction**☒ Indicated:
60 degrees MAG☐ Variable**Wind Speed**Velocity: 10 KTS

-or-

☐ Calm
☐ Light and Variable**Wind Gusts**Velocity: KTS☐ Gusting
☒ Not Gusting**Type of Turbulence (Check all that apply)**☒ None
☐ Clear Air
☐ In Clouds
☐ Vicinity of Thunderstorm**Severity of Turbulence**☐ Extreme
☐ Severe
☐ Moderate
☐ Moderate Chop
☐ Light

NOTAMs (D, L and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident

Temperature: 25 (C)
or (F)Altimeter Setting: 30.12 in. HG
or MBDensity Altitude: 7,000 ftDew Point: 5 (C)
or (F)**Icing Forecast**

Amount

☒ None
☐ Trace
☐ Light
☐ Moderate
☐ Severe

Type

☐ Rime
☐ Clear
☐ Mixed**Icing Actual**

Amount

☒ None
☐ Trace
☐ Light
☐ Moderate
☐ Severe

Type

☐ Rime
☐ Clear
☐ Mixed**Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply)**☒ None
☐ Rain
☐ Snow
☐ Hail
☐ Rain Showers
☐ Freezing Rain
☐ Snow Shower
☐ Drizzle
☐ Ice Pellets
☐ Snow Pellets
☐ Snow Grains
☐ Ice Crystals
☐ Ice Pellets Shower
☐ Freezing Drizzle**Intensity of Precipitation**☐ Light
☐ Moderate
☐ Heavy

Pilot "A" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

Pilot "A" Identification

City: Palo Alto

State: CA ZIP: 94306

Country: United States of America

Certificate Number: [REDACTED] +

mm/dd/yyyy

Degree of Injury

Seat Occupied

Seat Belt

Shoulder Harness

Used	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Available	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
 ☐ Student
 ☐ Recreational
 ☒ Commercial
 ☐ Flight Engineer
 ☐ Foreign

☐ Private
 ☒ Flight Instructor
 ☐ Sport
 ☒ Airline Transport
 ☐ U.S. Military

Principal Occupation

☒ Pilot
☐ Other
☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate

☐ None
 ☐ Class 3
☒ Class 1
 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only)
☐ Class 2
 ☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate Validity

☒ Without limitations/waivers
☐ With limitations/waivers
☐ Unknown

Date of Last Medical

12/03/2009
mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

Medical Certificate Waivers

**Date of Last Flight Review
or Equivalent, Including
FAR 121/135 Checks:**

11/14/2009
mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: BURKHART GROB
Model: G 103 TWIN II

Airplane Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)

☐ None
☒ Single-Engine Land
☒ Single-Engine Sea
☒ Multiengine Land
☒ Multiengine Sea

Other Aircraft Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Airship
☐ Free Balloon
☒ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instrument Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)

☐ None
☒ Airplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instructor Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Instrument Airplane
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airplane Single-Engine	<input type="checkbox"/> Instrument Helicopter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airplane Multi-Engine	<input type="checkbox"/> Helicopter
<input type="checkbox"/> Gyroplane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glider
<input type="checkbox"/> Powered Lift	<input type="checkbox"/> Sport

Type Ratings

Student Endorsements *(Include dates)*

Flight Time (<i>enter appropriate number of hours in each box</i>)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time	2,800	45	2,593	133	241	38	161	0	61	0
Pilot in Command (PIC)	2,637	37	2,450	100	230	30	130	0	48	0
Time as Instructor	2,050	14	2,000	10	150	10	70	0	19	0
This Make/Model					0	0	0			
Last 90 Days	194	24	164	4	5	0	1	0	25	0
Last 30 Days	69	23	45	2	3	0	0	0	23	0
Last 24 Hours	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0

PILOT "B" INFORMATION**Pilot "B" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident**

☐ Pilot ☐ Co-Pilot ☐ Student Pilot ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Check Pilot ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Other Flight Crew

Pilot "B" Identification

First Name: _____

Middle Initial: _____

Last Name: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

Age at time of Accident/Incident: _____ Date of Birth: _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Certificate Number: _____

Degree of Injury

☐ None ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor ☐ Unknown
☐ Serious

Seat Occupied

☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown
☐ Right ☐ Rear
☐ Center ☐ Single

Seat Belt

Used ☐ Yes ☐ No
Available ☐ Yes ☐ No

Shoulder Harness

Used ☐ Yes ☐ No
Available ☐ Yes ☐ No

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Student ☐ Recreational ☐ Commercial ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Foreign
☐ Private ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Sport ☐ Airline Transport ☐ U.S. Military

Principal Occupation

☐ Pilot
☐ Other
☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate

☐ None ☐ Class 3
☐ Class 1 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only)
☐ Class 2 ☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate Validity

☐ Without limitations/waivers
☐ With limitations/waivers
☐ Unknown

Date of Last Medical

mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations**Medical Certificate Waivers**

**Date of Last Flight Review
or Equivalent, Including
FAR 121/135 Checks:** _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: _____

Model: _____

Airplane Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Single-Engine Land
☐ Single-Engine Sea
☐ Multiengine Land
☐ Multiengine Sea

Other Aircraft Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Airship
☐ Free Balloon
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instrument Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Airplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instructor Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane ☐ Glider
☐ Powered Lift ☐ Sport

Type Ratings**Student Endorsements** (Include dates)

Flight Time (enter appropriate
number of hours in each box)

	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time										
Pilot in Command (PIC)										
Time as Instructor										
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days										
Last 30 Days										
Last 24 Hours										

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin attendants, complete the following information)																
Pilot Name and Address First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____						Degree of Injury <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fatal <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Serious										
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Flight Engineer <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Flight Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> Sport <input type="checkbox"/> Airline Transport <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Military						Seat Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> Center <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown										
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No						Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs										
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Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No						Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs										
PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include flight attendants; continue on separate sheet if necessary)																
Name and Address						Seat	Crew	Non-Revenue	Revenue	Non-Occupant	FAA	Fatal	Serious Injury	Minor Injury	No Injury	Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____						_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____						_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____						_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT (Please type or print in ink)

Describe what occurred in chronological order, including circumstances leading to and nature of accident/incident. Describe terrain and include wreckage distribution sketch if pertinent. Attach extra sheets if needed. State time and point of departure, intended destination, and services obtained.

On June 11 2010, I was flying N41KP, a Burkhart Grob 103C TWIN III Acro from Flanagan dry lake, NV (alt. 4,000ft) with the intent of reaching Air Sailing Gliderport, NV (alt. 4,300ft).

Earlier during the day, I had received a weather briefing at Air Sailing Gliderport, NV as part of the morning thermal camp ground school. I also flew a first flight from Air Sailing Gliderport, NV to Flanagan dry lake, NV using N41KP with landing on the dry lake. The weather along the intended route of flight was VFR with cloud bases around 12,000ft, 30 statute miles visibility and a strong northeasterly wind aloft.

After being towed 3,300ft above Flanagan dry lake level at around 3:45pm PDT local time, I released the tow line and started thermaling up and making my way to Air Sailing Gliderport, NV. I subsequently encountered significant sinking air which prevented me to reach the intended point of landing. I elected to make an off-field glider landing into the wind in a pasture field approximately 8 nautical miles west north west of the Air Sailing Gliderport, NV.

During the landing roll, after touching down on the main/center wheel, the left wing contacted the ground and made the glider describe a flat ground loop. As part of the ground loop momentum, the tail assembly of the glider couldn't resist the forces it was subjected to and broke off from the rest of the fuselage about 2 feet in front of the elevator/rudder complex. The glider came to a stop facing approximately 180 degrees from the landing direction at approximately 4:00pm PDT local time.

No objects or persons were impacted or injured on the ground. There was no property damage at the landing site. I sustained no injuries and exited the aircraft using normal procedures. The pasture field was flat at 5,300ft mean sea level. The glider was recovered within the hour using its transportation trailer back to the Air Sailing Gliderport, NV and is being evaluated for repairs.

RECOMMENDATION (How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)**Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation**

The landing was smooth, on the main wheel, into the wind and the deceleration phase of the landing was under way. Even though the left wing contacted the ground, the mass of the tail assembly couldn't stay in alignment with the rest of the fuselage and imposed a twisting moment to the tail boom which resulted in the total mechanical failure of the tail boom's fiber glass. One recommendation I have is to require additional strength to the glider tail boom connection during the certification phase.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *(Please type or print in ink)*

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